Mountain Weather Forecast

Mourne Mountains

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 21 Mar 2024 until 23:59 on Friday 22 Mar 2024

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 20 Mar 2024 at 14:51

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for a change to cold and showery weather on Friday and over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 21 Mar 2024: Mainly dry and very windy, some rain by late afternoon

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 21 Mar 2024

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 700m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	30%	00%	00%	60%	60%	20%

Forecast for Thursday 21 Mar 2024

Weather: Dry in the early hours. Thickening cloud will bring a brief spell of around soon after dawn. Then most of daylight hours will be dry and cloudy. Low cloud will spread from the northwest in the afternoon with some rain developing towards late afternoon. Dry weather clearing skies will extend from the northwest after dark.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 50%, best chance in the morning

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with great air clarity in the morning. Visibility becoming poor in the afternoon with cloud steadily lowering on to the summits, and down to 500 metres once rain arrives. Cloud lifting off the tops by mid-evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	16/23 S	26/37 SW	26/36 S	27/38 S	28/40 SW	35/49 SW	28/40 W	30/43 W	29/42 W
300	5/13 SW	9/21 SW	11/22 SW	13/25 SW	14/26 SW	19/34 SW	16/29 W	15/29 W	15/29 W
Valley	4/12 S	6/19 SW	9/23 S	11/26 SW	13/29 SW	16/32 SW	12/26 W	13/28 W	13/27 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	3/-2	4/-3	2/-4	3/-4	5/-1	7/1	8/3	5/-1	3/-3
300	4/2	5/1	4/1	5/2	8/4	9/5	10/6	7/3	5/1
Valley	5/4	6/3	6/3	7/4	9/6	10/7	10/8	8/5	6/3
<< Freezing Level*	1000m	1000m	800m	2800m	2600m	2800m	2300m	1100m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Very windy across all upland areas with gales or severe gales, gusts to 70 mph on the very highest tops with a risk of being blown over

Forecast for Friday 22 Mar 2024

Weather: A cold and windy day with sunny spells and the odd passing snow or hail shower. Showers will become somewhat more frequent and heavier from late afternoon onwards.

Maximum wind: Westerly average speeds of 30 mph with gusts to 45 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Excellent visibility with great air clarity outside of showers. Cloud briefly lowering to 850 metres as showers pass by, otherwise only small amounts of cloud on the tops

Temperature:
Valleys: Plus 2 rising to 8 Celsius
At 700m: Plus 2 falling to -1 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits at first steadily falling to 600 metres

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